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SUBJ: ICAO - COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 27, 1974

1. COUNCIL CONVENED FOR 13TH MEETING 81ST SESSION 1430 HOURS
27 MARCH IN CLOSED SESSION.

ITEM 1 (CWP/5941) (RESTRICTED) AND INFORMATION PAPER (MONTREAL 0417). PRES/COUNCIL INTRODUCED THE SUBJECT BY STRESSING THAT THE COUNCIL WAS IN A CLOSED MEETING AND THAT THE INFORMATION WHICH THE SECGEN WOULD PROVIDE MUST BE TREATED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE SO AS TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE EMBARRASSEMENT TO MINISTER SHARPE OF THE GOC. MOST PARTICULARLY CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID LEAKS TO THE PRESS. SECGEN DREW ATTENTION TO PARA 7 OF INFO PAPER DATED 3/26/74 WHICH INDICATED THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WOULD BE PROVIDED ORALLY. HE THEN STATED THAT HE HAD MINISTER SHARPE'S PERMISSION TO INFORM THE COUNCIL THAT THE GOC WILL PROVIDE AS A GRANT AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF MONEY TOWARD THE COST OF OBTAINING ICAO'S NEW PREMISES. THE EXACT AMOUNT WILL NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL THE CABINET HAS COMPLETED ACTION BUT MIN SHARPE WAS CERTAIN IT WILL NOT BE LESS THAN \$118,000. AGAIN IT WAS STRESSED THAT THIS INFORMATION IF RELEASED BEFORE THE CABINET HAD COMPLETED OFFICIAL ACTION WOULD LEAD TO EXTREME EMBARRASSMENT FOR THE GOC AND MIN SHARPE.

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2. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO CWP:5941 PARA 10 AND THE SEC GEN POINTED OUT THAT WITH THIS ADDITIONAL GRANT PROVIDED BY THE GOC THE SECOND COLUMN OF PARA 10 ENDING IN THE FIGURE \$183,000 SHOULD HAVE AN ADDITIONAL \$27,000 ADDED TO BRING THAT TOTAL UP TO \$210,000. HOWEVER, THE FIGURE (\$210,000) CAN NOW BE MOVED TO COLUMN 3 AND APPLIED TO THE ICAO COST OF THE TOTAL 220,400 SQUARE FEET NEEDED FOR THE NEW PREMISES. IN SUMMARY THIS MEANS THAT THE COST TO ICAO SHOWN IN PARA 10 FOR 220,400 SQUARE FT. WILL BE ONLY \$210,000 AND NOT RPT NOT THE \$305,000 TO \$325,000 SHOWN IN PARA 10. WHEN THIS FIGURE IS APPLIED TO ALTERNATIVE 4 (MONTREAL 0309) THE RESULT IS THAT DELEGATIONS MAY OBTAIN UP TO 875 SQUARE FT AT THE SUBSIDIZED RENTAL RATE OF \$2.07 PER USEABLE SQUARE FOOT AND MAY OBTAIN ADDITIONAL SPACE AT THE COMMERCIAL RATE OF \$8.50 PER USEABLE SQUARE FOOT. A GENERAL DISCUSSION FOLLOWED DURING WHICH EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE TO THE GOC WERE EXPRESSED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM BELGIUM, COLOMBIA, NIGERIA, AUSTRALIA, FRANCE, PAKISTAN, LEBANON, FRT, ITALY, US, BRAZIL, TUNISIA, NICARAGUA, EGYPT AND THE UK. THE COUNCIL AGREED THAT IN LIGHT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT THE SEC GEN BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEVELOPER.

3. ITEM 2 - CWP/5951. THE GENERAL COMMENTS INDUCATED SUPPORT FOR THE PAPER. HOWEVER, SOME REPS FELT THAT PARA 2.3 PAGE A3 OF THE DRAFT ASSEMBLY WORKING PAPER NEEDED EDITORIAL AMENDMENTS. SPECIFICALLY, THE REP OF SPAIN AND FRANCE FELT THAT PARA 2.3(A) COULD CAUSE OFFENSE TO SOME STATES BUT TIME DID NOT PERMIT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM AT THIS MEETING. THE PRES ANNOUNCED THAT ACTION ON THE PAPER WILL BE RESUMED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 1 AND FURTHER REQUESTED THAT THOSE REPS WISHING TO CHANGE THE TEXT SUBMIT THEIR SUGGESTIONS IN WRITING PRIOR TO THAT COUNCIL MEETING.

4. THE PRES STATED THAT ITEMS FOR THE 14TH MEETING WHICH WOULD BE CONVENING 10 A.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 29 WILL BE CWP/5945, CWP/5956, CWP/5940 AND CWP'S 5927/5897.
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